

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 930  
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to name the U.S. Highway 31 bridge across Interstate Highway 65 in Ardmore in honor of Ardmore Police Chief William Morris "Doc" Oliver.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Ardmore Police Chief William Morris "Doc" Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Chief Oliver was born on September 22, 1936, to Eugenia Kirkland Oliver and Carey Robert Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Chief Oliver is the proud father of Christy, Vicky and Connie, and husband of Doris Hargrove Oliver; and

WHEREAS, he was first employed by the Ardmore Police Department on September 18, 1977; he proudly continues a family tradition of service in law enforcement as evidenced by his father, older and younger brothers, and most recently a grandson, also serving as law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, after serving as an Ardmore police officer for six months, he rose through the ranks to serve as Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a 22-year veteran of the Ardmore Police Department, Chief Oliver formerly served as a Pulaski Police Department officer, and also served as Giles County sheriff for two terms; and

WHEREAS, he has also served his fellow citizens faithfully in numerous other capacities; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service to the citizens of Ardmore and Giles County, this General Assembly proposes to name the U.S. Highway 31 bridge which crosses Interstate Highway 65 in Ardmore to permanently commemorate Chief Oliver's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the U.S. Highway 31 bridge spanning Interstate Highway 65 in Ardmore, Giles County, is hereby designated the "William Morris 'Doc' Oliver Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding law enforcement officer and public servant who exemplifies the true spirit of the "Volunteer State".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on U.S. Highway 31 as the "William Morris 'Doc' Oliver Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the City of Ardmore, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), the City of Ardmore shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated costs to the City of Ardmore within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the City of Ardmore shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the

Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.